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For AN AUTOMATIC METHOD FOR GENERATING A
MATHEMATICAL PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY AN OPTIMAL
ALL-OR-NOTHING BID SET FOR PROCUREMENT-
RELATED REVERSE AUCTIONS

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 2009, requiring election between patentably distinct species claims 2 and 3, applicants hereby provisionally elect the multi-round auction described in claim 3, with traverse, for examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

No amendments to the specification, claims or drawings are presented in this paper.

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